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In the subject Office Action the Examiner required Applicant to elect among the following species for examination:

Species	A	Embodiments of Figures 1-4 and 13
	B	Embodiments of Figure 8
	C	Embodiments of Figures 5-7
	D	Embodiments of Figures 9-12

Applicant hereby elects **Species D** (embodiments of Figures 9-12) for examination.

Applicant submits that at least Claims 1-16, 20, 22-24, and 27-32 read on the embodiments of Species D.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 1-16, 20 and 22-24 are generic to all four species. Applicant therefore submits that, since the Species D embodiments are believed to be patentable, the entire generic invention is also, including all embodiments of the other three species.

FEES

It is not believed that any fees are due with respect to this election of species. However, should any such fees be due, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge all such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4070.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of all claims in the case, following examination based on the elected Species D, is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that prosecution of this application might be expedited by direct discussion of any issues, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney, collect, at the telephone number listed below, is cordially invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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